

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No.

PCT/BE 03/00189

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 2002/058033 A1 (BONNER JAMES ALAN ET AL) 16 May 2002 (2002-05-16) paragraph '0045! - paragraph '0095!	1-13, 17-45
Y	ARBABI GHARROUDI M ET AL: "SELECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF SINGLE DOMAIN ANTIBODY FRAGMENTS FROM CAMEL HEAVY-CHAIN ANTIBODIES" FEBS LETTERS, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS, AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 414, no. 3, 15 September 1997 (1997-09-15), pages 521-526, XP002069903 ISSN: 0014-5793 page 521, right-hand column, paragraphs 4,5 - page 522, left-hand column page 525, right-hand column, paragraph 3	1-13, 17-45
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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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A	US 2003/092892 A1 (HOWELL STEVEN ET AL) 15 May 2003 (2003-05-15) claims 1-10; example 3 -----	3-5
A	CORTEZ-RETAMOZO V ET AL: "Efficient tumor targeting by single-domain antibody fragments of camels" INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CANCER, NEW YORK, NY, US, vol. 98, no. 3, 20 March 2002 (2002-03-20), pages 456-462, XP002248403 ISSN: 0020-7136 page 457, left-hand column, paragraphs 3,4 -----	3-5
A	TANHA J ET AL: "Selection by phage display of llama conventional VH fragments with heavy chain antibody VHH properties" JOURNAL OF IMMUNOLOGICAL METHODS, ELSEVIER, AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 263, no. 1-2, 1 May 2002 (2002-05-01), pages 97-109, XP004354388 ISSN: 0022-1759 the whole document -----	1-13, 17-45

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 14-16 (totally) and 18,19 and 33 (partially)

Present claims 14-16 (totally) and 18,19 and 33 (partially) relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely "that modulates the binding of the polypeptides of claims 1 to 9" or "that modulates EGFR-mediated disorders", such compounds being identified according to the method of claims 10-12.

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides no support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and no disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, no search has been carried out for these claims.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 14-16 (totally) and 18, 19 and 33 (partially)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependant claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

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3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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